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# INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1400, 2 August 1956

Director of Central Intelligence  
Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Robert A. Schow, Acting Chief of Staff, Intelligence,  
Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters,  
United States Air Force  
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the IAC  
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation  
representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes  
24 July Meeting  
(IAC-M-248)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report  
No. 312

a. Noted this report.

b. The Chairman, referring to inquiries he had received from some NSC members, raised the question of whether a special daily intelligence report on the Suez situation should be issued. After an expression of views by the Chairman and Mr. Armstrong, particularly to the effect that the current situation appeared to be characterized primarily by developments of a diplomatic and policy rather than intelligence nature, Mr. Armstrong proposed, and the members concurred, that the IAC ad hoc Working Group on the Arab-Israeli Situation should examine the Suez problem closely with a view to determining whether intelligence developments warranted issuing special intelligence reports on the Suez situation.

3. NIE 11-4-56  
Soviet Capabilities and Courses  
of Action Through 1961

a. Approved as amended.

b. Agreed that the classification of the title of this estimate should be "Official Use Only."

c. Mr. Armstrong raised a question as to whether this Soviet estimate should be prepared in the future in the form of separate papers, which might be brought together later in one paper with over-all conclusions, particularly because such a procedure might permit better scheduling of work. In the course of a discussion of this matter, Mr. Armstrong proposed, and the members concurred, that the Board of

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National Estimates should consider this question in connection with the preparation of next year's estimate.

4. Exchange of Aerial Photographs  
with USSR over the North Pole  
(Memorandum from Mr. Stassen  
to NSC, 25 July 1956)

The Chairman referred to the memorandum of Mr. Stassen to the NSC, noted that he had also received a communication from the Department of State regarding development of a US position on this matter, and stated that he desired guidance from the members since this proposal appeared to be of general importance to the intelligence community. In the course of the discussion, General Lewis stated that the matter was presently under consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and noted a number of problems raised by the proposal. The Chairman then suggested, and the members concurred, that consideration of this matter be deferred until such time as the Chairman deemed it necessary to obtain further guidance from the members on the intelligence aspects of this proposal.

Adjournment: 1720

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